Medical writing: A guide for clinicians, educators, and researchers

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This book, the author (Robert B. Taylor), aims to help clinicians, educators, and researchers convert their practice observations, research data, wise thoughts, and academic innovations into written form and finally into print. He expects that after completely reading this book, the reader may:- understand more about the art of medical writing (motivation, conceptualization, composition, and frustrations); know how to use different models of medical writing, such as review articles, report of clinical research, and more; know how to get a manuscript published; and understand that writing can be fun. The contents of the book are composed of interesting topics such as Getting started in medical writing; Basic writing skills; From page one to the end; Technical issues and special about medical writing; How to write a review, case report, book chapters/books, research protocol, a grant proposal, and a report of a clinical study; the final chapter is about the future of medical writing and publishing. Additionally, there are appendix about glossary of medical writing words and phrases, medical abbreviation, laboratory reference values for adults, methodological and statistical terms use in research studies.

In chapter 1, three questions- “So what?”, “Who care?”, and “Where will it be published?” have challenged before start work on an article or book. The “So what?” question asks what is new and different. “Who care?” issue concerns the potential reader. The “Where will it be published?” question asks about the desire publisher or journal that you want to submit.

After reading this book, you may get some ideas and/or information about the reasons why to start writing, how to prepare writing such as collecting and organizing data, the ways to begin an article or chapter, the methods to get unstunk while writing, an alternative ways to express your idea by selecting words, how to get the first draft, and finish the final draft. For research article, the book also guide the process to submit and revise the manuscript.